

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel Claims 61, 62, 64, and 80-88 without prejudice to or disclaimer of the subject matter presented therein.

Please amend Claims 60, 66, and 67 as follows.

1. (Previously Presented) A data processing apparatus comprising:

data analysis means for extracting data control information from data provided with the data control information to be used for restricting various processes;

data processing means for performing various processes for the data added with the data control information;

display means for displaying a process function of each of the various processes to be executed by said data processing means; and

control means for controlling said data processing means and said display means in accordance with the data control information extracted by said data analysis means,

wherein said control means inhibits to execute an inhibited process in accordance with the data control information extracted from the data and controls said display means to change a display style of the process function of each of the various processes to an inhibition display style.

2. (Previously Presented) A data processing apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said control means controls said display means to display a notice that the data is provided with a process restriction.

3. (Previously Presented) A data processing apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said control means controls said display means to display a disabled execution when the inhibited process is selected.

4. (Previously Presented) A data processing apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said control means controls said display means to change a display color as the inhibition display style.

5. (Previously Presented) A data processing apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said control means controls said display means to blink a display as the inhibition display style.

6. (Previously Presented) A data processing apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the data control information includes copyright information or editing inhibition information based upon the copyright information.

7. (Previously Presented) A data processing apparatus according to claim 6, wherein the editing inhibition information includes at least one of color conversion, sharpness, transparency, boundary process, inversion, overlap, rotation, mask, insertion to photo frame, and mixture.

8. (Previously Presented) A data processing apparatus according to claim 6, wherein

the editing inhibition information is information for stepwise restricting process contents in accordance with an editing inhibition level of the information.

9. (Previously Presented) A data processing apparatus according to claim 8, wherein said control means inhibits to execute an inhibited process in accordance with the editing inhibition level.

10. (Previously Presented) A data processing apparatus according to any one of claims 1 to 9, wherein the data is image data.

11.-15. (Cancelled)

16. (Previously Presented) A data processing system comprising:
a data supplying apparatus for distributing data and corresponding data control information in response to a data distribution request; and

a data processing apparatus for restricting to executed an inhibited process in accordance with the data control information extracted from the data and controlling display means to determine a display style of a process function of each of various processes, wherein:

said data supplying apparatus comprises: storage means for storing and managing the data and data control information; registration means for registering the data and the data control information in said storage means; and data control information providing means responsive to

the data-distribution request for extracting the data control information corresponding to the data and adding the data control information to the data; and

said data processing apparatus comprises: data analysis means for extracting the data control information from the data provided with the data control information to be used for restricting the various processes; data processing means for performing the various processes for the data added with the data control information; display means for displaying a process function of each of the various processes to be executed by said data processing means; and control means for controlling said data processing means and said display means in accordance with the data control information extracted by said data analysis means,

wherein said control means inhibit to execute an inhibited process in accordance with the data control information extracted from the data and controls said display means to change a display style of the process function of each of the various processes to an inhibition display style.

17. (Previously Presented) A data processing system according to claim 16, wherein said control means controls said display means to display a notice that the data is provided with a process restriction.

18. (Previously Presented) A data processing system according to claim 16, wherein said control means controls said display means to display a disabled execution when the inhibited process is selected.

19. (Previously Presented) A data processing system according to claim 16, wherein said control means controls said display means to change a display color as the inhibition display style.

20. (Previously Presented) A data processing system according to claim 16, wherein said control means controls said display means to blink a display as the inhibition display style.

21. (Previously Presented) A data processing system according to claim 16, wherein the data control information includes copyright information or editing inhibition information based upon the copyright information.

22. (Previously Presented) A data processing system according to claim 16, wherein the data is image data.

23. (Previously Presented) A data processing system according to claim 16, wherein the data control information includes copyright information and a editing inhibition code based on the copyright information.

24. (Previously Presented) A data processing system according to claim 23, wherein the editing inhibition information includes at least one of color conversion, sharpness, transparency, boundary process, inversion, overlap, rotation, mask, insertion to photo frame, and mixture.

25. (Previously Presented) A data processing system according to claim 23, wherein the editing inhibition information is information for stepwise restricting process contents in accordance with an editing inhibition level of the information.

26. (Previously Presented) A data processing system according to claim 25, wherein said control means inhibits to execute an inhibited process in accordance with the editing inhibition level.

27.-56. (Cancelled)

57. (Previously Presented) A computer readable program for executing the steps of:
extracting data control information from data provided with the data control information to be used for restricting various processes;
performing various processes for the data added with the data control information;
displaying a process function of each of the various processes to be performed; and
controlling the performing and the displaying in accordance with the extracted data control information,

wherein said controlling inhibits execution of an inhibited process in accordance with the data control information extracted from the data and controls the displaying to change a display style of the process function of each of the various processes to an inhibition display style.

58. (Cancelled)

59. (Previously Presented) A data processing method comprising:

a data analysis step of extracting data control information from data provided with the data control information to be used for restricting various processes;

a data processing step of performing various processes for the data provided with the data control information;

a display step of displaying a process function of each of the various processes to be executed by said data processing step; and

a control step of controlling said data processing step and said display step in accordance with the data control information extracted in said data analysis step,

wherein said control step inhibits execution of inhibited process in accordance with the data control information extracted from the data and controls said display step to change a display style of the process function of each of the various processes to an inhibition display style.

60. (Currently Amended) A data processing apparatus which is capable of executing a process for data, comprising:

data analysis means for extracting data control information ~~to be used for inhibiting a process for the data~~ designating whether the process is permitted for data;

instruction receiving means for receiving an instruction to execute a process for the data;

first display control means for ~~controlling to display~~ displaying a notification in a dialogue based on said data control information, in a case where the data control information shows that the process indicated by the instruction is not permitted; and

second display control means for ~~controlling to display~~ displaying said data on a display, independently from said notification ~~displayed~~ display in a dialogue by said first display control means, in a condition before said instruction has been received.

61. (Cancelled).

62. (Cancelled)

63. (Previously Presented) An apparatus according to Claim 1, wherein various kinds of processes to be executed for said data are prepared, and said notification is represented by text strings designating not-executable kinds of processes based on data control information.

64. (Cancelled)

65. (Cancelled)

66. (Currently Amended) A data processing method comprising the steps of:
extracting data control information ~~to be used for inhibiting a process for the data~~
designating whether a process is permitted for data;

receiving an instruction to execute a process for the data;

~~controlling to display~~ displaying a notification in a dialogue based on said data control information, in a case where the data control information shows that the process indicated by the instruction is not permitted; and

~~controlling to display~~ displaying said data on a display, independently ~~of~~ from said notification ~~displayed~~ display in ~~said display step~~ a dialogue, in a condition before said instruction has been received.

67. (Currently Amended) A computer readable program for executing the steps of:
extracting data control information ~~to be used for inhibiting a process for the data~~
designating whether a process is permitted for data;

receiving an instruction to execute a process for the data;

~~controlling display of~~ displaying a notification in a dialogue based on said data control information, in a case where the data control information shows that the process indicated by the instruction is not permitted; and

~~controlling display of~~ displaying said data on a display, independently ~~of~~ from said notification ~~displayed in said display step~~ display in a dialogue, in a condition before said instruction has been received.

68. (Previously Presented) A computer readable storage medium storing a program defined in Claim 67.

69. - 88. (Cancelled)